



# Maricopa County

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Dear School Official,

Please pass this urgent information along to your school health staff. We have set aside some of the very first vaccine available against the novel H1N1 flu for your school health workers. Your school nurses, health aides, and others directly involved in caring for your students' health needs are key to our efforts to slow the spread of this, and we need to protect them as soon as possible.

As you know, the early supply of vaccine has been extremely limited. Until now, among health care workers, only hospital workers with direct patient care and emergency medical workers have been offered vaccine, and not even many of them. But we need to protect your school health staff next.

Starting this Friday, October 23, your school health workers may present at any of our 3 immunization clinics during regular hours, as shown below (we're open later than most school hours, which should allow for ready access). The only people we are offering the limited vaccine to at this time at these clinics are your health staff, so they must bring their work IDs with them. There will be no charge.

Central Phoenix, 1645 E Roosevelt St, Phoenix 85006 Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Hrs:8:00 am-5:00 pm, closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm for lunch

East side, 635 E Broadway Rd, Mesa 85204, Open Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri Hrs:8:00 am-5:00 pm, closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm for lunch

West side, 6666 W Peoria Ave, Glendale 85304. Open Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri Hrs:8:30 pm-5:30 pm, closed 12:30 pm-1:30 pm for lunch

By now, we had hoped to offer this more broadly, including at your schools for students, teachers, health workers and other employees alike. However, supplies have simply not been forthcoming. I apologize for the lack of convenience of this approach, but we need to protect your school nurses and related health workers as soon as possible. Please encourage them to come get it as soon as they can.

We are very aware that a great many of you are dealing with substantial outbreaks that are taxing your resources.

Thank you for your continued efforts during this most stressful time.

--Bob

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